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1. LIKE SOME OTHER ADDRESSEES, I DO SEE SOME PROBLEMS WITH AUTHORIZING A MAJOR NARCOTICS ARTICLE ON SOUTHEAST ASIA FROM THE EMBASSY.
2. FIRST OF ALL, WITH THE AMBASSADOR'S DEPARTURE, ANY SUCH ARTICLE WOULD HAVE TO BE ATTRIBUTED TO ME AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES. I THINK THAT WOULD TEND TO DETRACT FROM THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS IMPACT PARTICULARLY IN THE EVENT THAT SOME OF THE AMBASSADORS HAVE DROPPED OUT OF YOUR LIST OF AUTHORS.

3. SECONDLY, THERE MIGHT BE SOME SENSITIVITY ABOUT FEATURING AN ARTICLE ON THE TRI-BORDER SITUATION FROM THE EMBASSY IN BANGKOK. IN THE THAI CONTEXT THINGS HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENTLY UPBEAT THAT THERE WOULD NOT

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BE A PROBLEM HERE, HOWEVER, GIVEN BURMA SENSITIVITIES AND THE MURKY LAO SITUATION, IT WOULD BE, I BELIEVE, MORE PRUDENT TO HAVE SUCH AN ARTICLE AUTHORED IN WASHINGTON.
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